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The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Casey:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 1983, regarding my efforts in the debate concerning the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

for myself and for my family." Since that time, I have had the unique opportunity of serving Senators Barry Goldwater and John Chafee -- two men dedicated to strengthening and improving our Intelligence Community. It has also been my privilege to play a role in some legislative battles where issues important to the intelligence have been at stake.

My point in recounting this brief history is to make it clear that my interst in and dedication to rebuilding our intelligence capabilities grows out of a strong personal conviction that this activity is a vital component of our nation's defense. For this reason, it is a real treat to receive a note of appreciation such as yours. It is a pleasure to be associated with you in these important endeavors.

Once again, thank you for your kind remarks.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Simmons Staff Director

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